

# *Village of North Chevy Chase Newsletter*

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## **Village Council:**

Chairman Adrian Andreassi

Vice-Chairman Lawrence Hirsh

Treasurer John Spain

Secretary Bruce Cohen

Member Brigitte

Akalovsky

Fire Board Representatives:

Ed Asher, Anne Fox and

Dave Albinson

***Next Village Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 17, 2008, 8 p.m., in the Youth Lounge, NCC Christian Church.***

## ***Agenda Highlights:***

- ◆ Permit for fence at 3817 Kenilworth Driveway
- ◆ BRAC/Purple Line Task Force

***Bulk Trash Pick-up will be on Saturday, June 17th:*** Items must be curbside by 9 a.m. Our contractor uses different trucks to haul different items so do not be alarmed if certain items are removed before others. Please contact You Call We Haul, Inc., at 301-605-0140 if you wish to dispose of a refrigerator, freezer or air conditioner.

***Bulk trash includes:*** Washing machines, dryers, stoves, hot water heaters, other major appliances, furniture or parts of furniture, large toys, bicycles, swing sets, bath tubs, sinks, toilets, do-it-

yourself amounts of earth, sand, gravel, demolition debris and construction waste, parts of automobiles (but not fleet tires).

***Excluded are:*** Large tree stumps, poisons, acids, caustics, explosives, oil or other flammable liquids, motor vehicles and parts including batteries and tires, bricks and general construction material, iron pipe over 10 feet long, large rocks, wood piles, large tree limbs, dead animals, human or animal feces and ammunition.

## ***Results of the May 6th Annual Meeting:***

Congratulations to John Spain, Brigitte Akalovsky and Adrian Andreassi, who were elected to two-year terms. New officers are Adrian Andreassi, Chairman, Lawrence Hirsh, Vice Chairman, John Spain, Treasurer, and Bruce Cohen, Secretary. A special

Thank You should go to our retiring Council Members, Ambrose Liao and Jim Grissom. They have devoted many hours of service to us all. The Village

property tax rate for FY2008 was approved as presented.

**Recycle Bins:** Is your recycle bin raggedy or missing? Do you need a second bin to keep the overflow under control? Recycle bins are available from the Village by calling 301-654-7084.

**Village Permit:** Village permits are required for additions or alterations to existing structures and new construction as well as for the replacement or erection of fences. Please refer to the Village regulations for details or contact the Village office at 301-654-7084. A copy of the Village regulations and permit forms are available on the Village website at [www.northchevyCHASE.org](http://www.northchevyCHASE.org).

**Village 4<sup>th</sup> of July Block Party:** Save the date for the 31st Annual Village Block Party. Look for a flyer with all the details in your mailbox soon. This is a rain-or-shine happening!!!

**Call Miss Utility When You Dig:** Maryland's Underground Facilities law, more commonly known as the Miss Utility Law, was enacted in 1974 to protect underground public service utility lines from damage and to prevent injuries and death. All excavation operations, including grading, digging, drilling, tunneling, trenching, ditching, augering, scraping or driving a mass of material must follow the Miss Utility requirements.

Miss Utility is a one-call notification center that notifies underground utility owners of proposed excavation projects. To make a locate request, call Miss Utility at **1-800-257-7777** or use the Miss Utility Internet site at

[www.missutility.net](http://www.missutility.net) and provide the exact location of the proposed excavation. Your locate request will be assigned a locate ticket number. You can learn if your site has been marked 48 hours after your request is made by calling Miss Utility Ticket Check at **1-800-821-4226**. A recording will prompt you through steps to retrieve the status of your locate ticket request.

If a homeowner or contractor fails to comply with the Miss Utility Law and damages an underground utility line, the penalty includes the total cost of repair and a civil penalty of up to \$1,000.00.

**MVA on Wheels:** The schedule for MVA on Wheels visits to the Friendship Heights Village Center, 4433 South Park Avenue are:

June 30	July 21
August 18	September 22
October 27	November 24
December 22	

**NCC ListServ:** The NCC ListServ is up and running. To join the list of residents getting immediate news affecting the Village, log onto <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NorthChevyChase>. After you get a free Yahoo account, click on Join This Group button and sign in. This is an information only service for Village residents only. For more information, please call the Village Office, 301-654-7084.

**Landlord License:** Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DCHA) reminds County property owners that they must be licensed to offer residential property

for rent. This requirement applies to all types of residential rental properties, including apartment units, single family detached homes, townhouses and accessory apartments. Each landlord tenant or housing code complaint received by DCHA is checked against the licensing database to be sure that the property is properly licensed. Unlicensed property owners who are renting out their homes can be issued a civil citation, which carries a fine of \$500.00.

The license year runs from July 1 through June 30, but landlords may apply for a license at any time. Fees range from \$38.00 to \$95.00 and vary according to the type of license.

For more information, or to request a license application form, call DCHA's Licensing and Registration Unit at 240.777.3799 or visit [www.hca.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.hca.montgomerycountymd.gov).

***In Memoriam:*** Dr. John Umhau, a long-time active resident of the Village has died. The Village extends its sympathy to the family on his passing.

***House Numbers:*** Many of the house numbers in the Village are not visible from the street, particularly at night or in bad weather. It is very important that your house can be identified by visitors or Fire and Rescue personnel. Please think of what might happen if someone called 911 because of a problem at your house and responders were delayed because they could not locate you.

***Animal Control ( pooper-scooper ):*** Montgomery County Code, Sec. 5-203

(a)(2) states that an owner must not allow an animal to damage or defecate on property outside of the owner's property. An animal may defecate on public property if the animal's owner immediately removes and disposes of the feces by a sanitary method. Feces may be picked up in a plastic bag. If this bag is placed inside another plastic bag, it may be put out for disposal in your normal household trash. **The penalty for violation is \$100.** There has been a considerable increase in the number of irresponsible poop sightings within the Village this Spring. Let's all help to keep North Chevy Chase as clean as we know it can be.

***Ambulance Fee Vote Postponed, BUT WATCH FOR THE SEQUEL:*** The Montgomery County Council has deferred placing ambulance fees into the County's operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The Council does, however, plan to take up the issue again in the near future. In the meantime, the Assistant Chief of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service has proposed to do by Regulation what the Council did not have the courage to do by vote. He has drafted Regulation MCER No. 20-08 to evade bringing this to a vote. Written comments **MUST** be submitted by July 1, 2008 to Assistant Chief Scott Graham, MCFRS, Office of the Fire Chief, 101 Monroe Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Rockville, MD 20850. A copy of the proposed regulation may be obtained by calling 240/777-2493.

***BRAC/PURPLE LINE TASK FORCE:*** The Council has formed a Task Force to examine the impact of the closing of Walter Reed Army Medical Center and transfer of jobs and

patients to Bethesda on the Village, Jones Bridge Road and Purple Line plans. Members of the Task Force will present a report at the June meeting, and will continue to gather information throughout the summer. If you would like to join the Task Force, call the Village Office, 301-654-7084.